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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE: ECLA REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING,
LIMA, AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3

1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH ECLA CHEF DU CABINET JOSE VITERI
BACKGROUND OF ENRIQUE IGLESIAS PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL CONVER-
SATIONS PRECEDING LIMA WATER CONFERENCE.

2. IN ADDITION TO ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DISCUSSION OF
AGENDA FOR MEETING, SEVERAL ECLA MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND ECLA
SECRETARIAT BELIEVE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WOULD HELP
AVERT CONFLICTS IN SUBSEQUENT PLENARY SESSIONS. HE MENTIONED
LA PLATA RIVER BASIN ISSUE AND RIO LAUCA DISPUTE INVOLVING
CHILE AND BOLIVIA AS THE KIND OF POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH THE
ECLA SECRETARIAT WOULD PREFER NOT TO SEE SURFACED AT THIS
TECHNICAL MEETING.

3. PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT ALSO BE RAISED IN
TENDENTIOUS FASHION ALTHOUGH VITERI CONSIDERS PANAMANIAN
PAPER (REFTEL B) DISCREET IN TREATMENT OF SUBJECT. MEETING
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WOULD PROVIDE INTIMATIONS OF PROBLEMS TO SURFACE IN MEETING

AND HELP SECRETARIAT TO FORMULATE COURSES OF ACTION WHICH
WOULD KEEP THEM FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND.

4. VITERI ALSO MENTIONED DESIRABILITY IN THESE INFORMAL
CONVERSATIONS OF DISCUSSING SOURCES (IO'S, BILATERAL, ETC.)
AND DIMENSIONS OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AT WORLD, REGIONAL,
AND NATIONAL LEVELS TO RESOLVE WATER RESOURCE PROBLEMS.
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